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Naar Hayisi: The Three Stages of Understanding

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An עם הארץ (*unlearned person*) will look at a topic or סוגיא (*topic*) and, without a second thought, say, "That's simple!" I recall hearing several times from my Rebbe, HaRav Nochum Lansky שליט״א, the words נַעַר הָיִיתִי גַּם זָקַנְתִּי

You start off as a child. The world around you is simple; you don't know anything. You might ask questions, but you don't know much. Then you become an adolescent. You have קשיות (*difficulties*); you want to learn and understand everything. Then you get older and grow in חכמה (*wisdom*) and have answers — זקנה זה שקנה חכמה (*an elder is one who has acquired wisdom*).

It is at that point that you have the resolution of many of these ideas. Things might be simple again, but that is due to your work and toil to acquire knowledge and work out all the challenges. My Rebbe would add, in jest, that he is still holding by the first מדריגה (*level*) — that he is still simple. He is anything but that.

Even the "blandest," most simple concept and סוגיא, given the right lens and context, can come alive with the right perspective and angle. פִּקּוּדֵי ה׳ יְשָׁרִים מְשַׂמְּחֵי לֵב — the words of Torah inherently give you joy. If you work at it, you can find a geshmack in everything you learn. May we all find our geshmack in what we learn and in all aspects of our עבודת השם!

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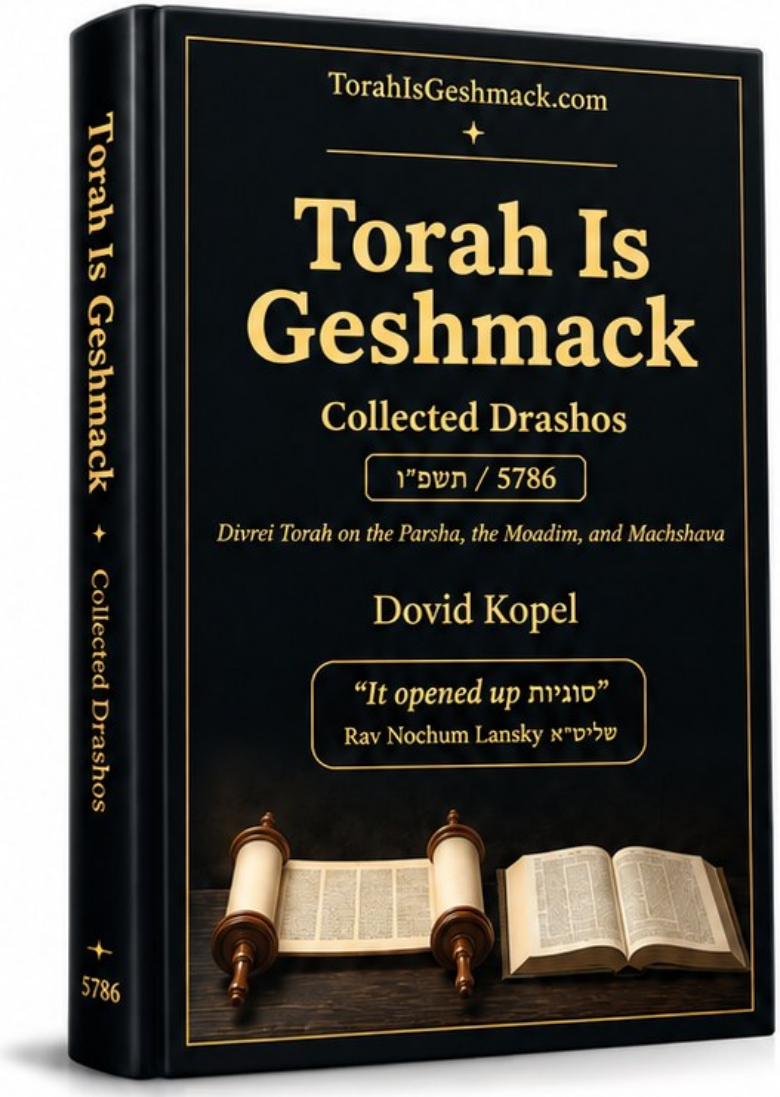
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